

TO: Legislative Services Agency

FROM: The Indiana Department of Education
Division of Educational Options

DATE: September 19, 2005

RE: Legislative requirements of IC 20-24-3-10(b)

In accordance with IC 20-24-3-10(b), the Department submits the following report that details charter school proposals received, accepted, and denied for calendar year 2004 and through September of calendar year 2005.

In Indiana, there are currently three entities acting as charter school sponsors: Ball State University (14 schools as of SY2005); the Indianapolis Mayor's Office (13 schools as of SY2005); and the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation (2 schools as of SY2005). As of September 2005, charter schools are operating in twelve cities across the state (see Appendix A for a complete listing of schools and locations). In SY2004, charter schools served over 4,200 students in grades PreK-12.

The following entities reported receiving proposals in calendar year 2004 (please see Appendix B for a full listing):

Ball State University received eight (8) proposals in calendar year 2004. Two proposals were for schools in Gary; two in East Chicago; one in Evansville; one in Richmond; one in South Bend; and one in Carmel. Six (6) proposals were accepted and were issued charters.

The Indianapolis Mayor's Office received nine (9) prospectuses in calendar year 2004. Six (6) of these entities were invited to submit full charter applications. Of the six (6) entities that submitted full applications, four (4) were granted charters.

The Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation received one (1) proposal in calendar year 2004. This proposal was accepted and granted a charter.

As of September 2005, the following entities have reported receiving proposals for calendar year 2005 (please see Appendix C for a complete listing):

Ball State University has received three (3) proposals thus far in calendar year 2005. All proposals are currently under consideration.

The Indianapolis Mayor's Office has received five (5) prospectuses thus far in calendar year 2005. Four (4) entities were invited to submit full charter applications. As of September 2005, three (3) have been granted charters. One (1) is pending.

A second report will be sent to LSA in January of 2006 detailing full activity for the 2005 calendar year.

APPENDIX A: CHARTER SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name	Location	Sponsor	Year Opened	Grades (SY05)	SY04 Enrollment
21 st Century Charter School	Indianapolis	Indianapolis Mayor	2002	K-9	187
21 st Century Charter School @ Fountain Square	Indianapolis	Indianapolis Mayor	2005	6-9	n/a
21 st Century Charter School @ Gary	Gary	Ball State University	2005	6-9	n/a
Andrew J. Brown Academy	Indianapolis	Indianapolis Mayor	2003	K-7	490
Campagna Academy	Schererville	Ball State University	2002	9-12	70
Charles A. Tindley Accelerated School	Indianapolis	Indianapolis Mayor	2004	8-10	138
Charter School of the Dunes	Gary	Ball State University	2003	K-7	442
Christel House Academy	Indianapolis	Indianapolis Mayor	2002	K-7	340
Community Montessori	Floyds Knobs	Ball State University	2002	PreK-7	166
Decatur Discovery Academy	Indianapolis	Indianapolis Mayor	2005	9-10	n/a
East Chicago Urban Enterprise Academy	East Chicago	Ball State University	2005	K-4	n/a
Flanner House Elem. School	Indianapolis	Indianapolis Mayor	2002	K-7	340
Flanner House Higher Learning	Indianapolis	Indianapolis Mayor	2003	9-12	126
Galileo Charter School	Richmond	Ball State University	2005	K-3	n/a
Gary Lighthouse Charter School	Gary	Ball State University	2005	PreK-5	n/a
Indianapolis Lighthouse Charter School	Indianapolis	Indianapolis Mayor	2005	K-5	n/a
Indianapolis Met Academy #1	Indianapolis	Indianapolis Mayor	2004	9-10	49
Indianapolis Met Academy #2	Indianapolis	Indianapolis Mayor	2004	9-10	51
Irvington Community School	Indianapolis	Ball State University	2002	K-8	219
KIPP Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis Mayor	2004	5-6	83
The Joshua Academy	Evansville	Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation	2004	K-6	191
New Community School	West Lafayette	Ball State University	2002	K-8	60
Options Charter School	Carmel	Ball State University	2002	9-12	130
Rural Community Academy	Graysville	Ball State University	2004	K-7	91
SENSE	Indianapolis	Indianapolis Mayor	2004	K-4	115
Signature School	Evansville	Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation	2002	9-12	278
Thea Bowman Leadership Acad.	Gary	Ball State University	2003	K-8	441
Timothy L. Johnson Academy	Fort Wayne	Ball State University	2002	K-8	277
Veritas Academy	South Bend	Ball State University	2002	K-8	340

APPENDIX B: CALENDAR YEAR 2004 PROPOSALS

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY: CALENDAR YEAR 2004			
Proposed School Name	Proposed Location	Accepted?	Proposed year of opening
Options Charter School*	Carmel	Y*	2002*
Gary Lighthouse Charter School	Gary	Y	2005
East Chicago Lighthouse Charter School	East Chicago	Y	2006
Westside Charter School	South Bend	N	n/a
Galileo Charter School	Richmond	Y	2005
Evansville Charter School	Evansville	N	n/a**
East Chicago Urban Enterprise Academy	East Chicago	Y	2005
21 st Century Charter School @ Gary	Gary	Y	2005

*Options switched its charter from Carmel-Clay Schools to Ball State University in 2004.

**Resubmitted in 2005

INDIANAPOLIS MAYOR'S OFFICE: CALENDAR YEAR 2004				
Proposed School Name	Proposed Location	Invited to submit full application?	Full application accepted?	Proposed year of opening
The Challenge Foundation Academy*	Indianapolis	N	n/a	n/a*
Montessori International Academy of Indianapolis	Indianapolis	N	n/a	n/a
Indianapolis Lighthouse Charter School	Indianapolis	Y	Y	2005
Indianapolis Lighthouse Charter School (2)	Indianapolis	Y	Y	2006
Resource Academy	Indianapolis	Y	N	n/a
Resolute Academy	Indianapolis	Y	N	n/a
Mozel Sanders Charter Academy	Indianapolis	Y	Y	2006
Decatur Discovery Academy	Indianapolis	Y	Y	2005
Sam Jones Life Skills Center	Indianapolis	N	n/a	n/a

*Resubmitted in 2005

EVANSVILLE-VANDEBURGH SCHOOL CORPORATION: CALENDAR YEAR 2004			
Proposed School Name	Proposed Location	Accepted?	Proposed year of opening
The Joshua Academy	Evansville	Y	2004

APPENDIX C: CALENDAR YEAR 2005 PROPOSALS

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY: CALENDAR YEAR 2005			
Proposed School Name	Proposed Location	Accepted?	Proposed year of opening
Evansville Charter School	Evansville	Under review	2006
Noblesville Lighthouse Charter School	Noblesville	Under review	2006
West Gary Charter School	Gary	Under review	2006

INDIANAPOLIS MAYOR'S OFFICE: CALENDAR YEAR 2005				
Proposed School Name	Proposed Location	Invited to submit full application?	Full application accepted?	Proposed year of opening
The Challenge Foundation Academy	Indianapolis	Y	Y	2006
Herron High School	Indianapolis	Y	Y	2006
Academy of Greater Works	Indianapolis	N	n/a	n/a
Recovery High School at Fairbanks	Indianapolis	Y	Y	2006